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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2533

INFO AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, TC, SA, MU

SUBJ: UAE-SAUDI-OMAN BORDER DISPUTE

REF: ABU DHABI 209

1. AL-WATHBA, LOCAL WEEKLY, CARRIES REPORT THAT THERE WILL BE HEADS OF STATE MEETING IN RIYADH WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS BETWEEN UAE, OMAN AND SAUDI ARABIA TO RESOLVE LONG-STANDING BORDER DISPUTE. AL-WATHBA REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT UAEG HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH JAPANESE FIRM TO PERFORM ACTUAL DEMARCATION OF NEW BORDER "FROM QATAR TO AL-AIN" IMPLYING ONCE AGAIN THAT CHANGES ARE CONTEMPLATED IN PRESENT OMAN-ABU DHABI BORDER.

2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTTEL, MIN PET OTAIBA TOLD AMBASSADOR HE HAD PROPOSED SAUDI-UAE MEETING HERE ON BORDER SETTLEMENT ISSUE IN EARLY FEBRUARY. WE AS YET UNABLE, HOWEVER, CONFIRNELBS LATEST REPORT (ONE OBVIOUS POINT CONTACT, FON MIN SUWAIDI, HAS ONCE AGAIN SLIPPED OUT OF COUNTRY) WHICH NOT ONLY SHIFTS LOCALE TO RIYADH, ELEVATES ALLEGED  
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PARTICIPANTS TO HEADS OF STATE, BUT ALSO ONCE AGAIN

INVOLVES OMAN. MOREOVER, REUTERS, WHICH HAS REPORT  
ON AL-WATHBA STORY, STATES LOCAL OFFICIALS HERE UNABLE  
CONFIRM ANY ELEMENTS OF WEEKLY'S ARTICLE. HOWEVER,  
SINCE EMBASSY HAS HEARD OTHER MENTION OF JAPANESE  
INVOLVEMENT IN DEMARCATION, THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING  
TO TRIPARTITE MEETING AS WELL. WILL REPORT  
FURTHER CLARIFICATION AS AVAILABLE.  
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